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PUBLIC MEETING MINUTES:	<b>Board of Geologists</b>
MEETING DATE AND TIME:	<b>Friday, October 13, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.</b>
PLACE:	861 Silver Lake Boulevard Cannon Building, Second Floor Conference Room B Dover, Delaware 19904
MINUTES FOR APPROVAL:	November 17, 2017

**MEMBERS PRESENT**

Steven Smailer, President, Professional Member  
Douglas Rambo, Vice-President, Professional Member  
William "Sandy" Schenck, Secretary, Professional Member  
Judith Nicholas, Public Member (departed 11:39 a.m.)  
David Reinhold, Professional Member

**MEMBERS ABSENT**

Kenneth Dryden, Public Member  
Maureene LaFate, Public Member

**DIVISION STAFF**

Jennifer Singh, Deputy Attorney General  
Meredith Hurley, Administrative Specialist II

**PUBLIC PRESENT**

Joseph Csoltko

**CALL TO ORDER**

Mr. Smailer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

**REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Mr. Schenck moved, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to approve the August 11, 2017 meeting minutes as amended. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**Stamp & Seal Requirements for State Employees**

Mr. Smailer advised that there was no formal decision or policy on this topic but in discussion with other geologists in the state he has concluded that the general consensus is that a geologist should be sealing things that they are a primary author or contributor of.

The Board discussed the geologists-in-training that have been deemed exempt from unlicensed practice because they are practicing under a licensed geologist and there is no license type for trainees. The Board required the supervising geologist to write a letter to the Board as to who is under their supervision.

The Board also discussed if programs should identify the professional geologist on record that supervises and signs off on geological work and composing a letter to clarify the law and the supervised practice.

#### Discussion of Engineer Exemption

The Board is requesting a change in the statute to eliminate a sentence in section **3602 Definitions** that appears to be a very broad exemption and doesn't seem to belong in that section.

The Board would like to seek guidance from Mr. Mangler and Ms. Kelly on how to proceed with this request as the Board does not have the authority to change the statutes.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

#### Review of Applications by Reciprocity

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to grant licensure by reciprocity to Scott Wendling. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Smailer moved, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to grant licensure by reciprocity to Patrick Crawford. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Rambo moved, seconded by Mr. Schenck, to grant licensure by reciprocity to George Lukert. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Ratification of Continuing Education Approval Application

Mr. Schenck moved, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to ratify the course approval submitted by Hartman Environmental Geoscience for 13 hours for "Practical Guide to Vapor Intrusion." By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review and Approve 2018 Meeting Calendar

Mr. Smailer moved, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to approve the 2018 meeting calendar as amended. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### Review of Continuing Education Approval Applications

Mr. Schenck moved, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to approve for geological content the course requested by Christopher Horan for "Advanced Petroleum Forensics Geochemistry". By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Schenck moved, seconded by Mr. Reinhold, to approve for geological content the course requested by Christopher Horan for "Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon (PAH) Forensics Geochemistry". By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

Mr. Schenck moved, seconded by Mr. Smailer, to table the continuing education requests submitted by Theresa McGuire and Geology Continuing Education, LLC until the next scheduled meeting. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

#### ASBOG Ethics Data Request

Mr. Smailer moved, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to review and possibly use the answers that were given from

last year's ethics survey as there have been no changes since then. By unanimous vote, the motion carried.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

There was no correspondence.

### **OTHER BUSINESS BEFORE THE BOARD (For Discussion Only)**

The Board was advised that Ms. LaFate will no longer be able to attend meetings and will have to step down as her new job will not afford her the time off. Mr. Schenck recommended that the Board award Ms. LaFate a certificate of appreciation for her service to the Board.

### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Mr. Csoltko, a licensed geologist, introduced himself and stated he attended the meeting to discuss a letter he received from DAPE (Delaware Association of Professional Engineers) regarding a construction review project. He stated that he is being charged with unlicensed engineer practice and he would like to file his own complaint with the AG office on the project where he stated he found deficiencies in the work.

Ms. Singh advised that the Board of Geologists cannot offer a defense of a licensee when they are up against a complaint with another state board. If he were going to file a complaint with the Board he would have to do so with the Division so when it comes before the Board they will only have the substantiated evidence to work with.

Mr. Smaller stated that a complaint filed with the Division will only deal with the licensing and practice of a licensee using the statutes and regulations to make a determination; they cannot go into violations of other state agency regulations.

### **NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING**

The next meeting is scheduled for November 17, 2017 at 10:00 a.m. in Conference Room B, second floor of the Cannon Building, 861 Silver Lake Boulevard, Dover, Delaware.

### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business before the Board, Mr. Schenck moved, seconded by Mr. Rambo, to adjourn the meeting at 11:40 a.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,



Meredith Hurley  
Administrative Specialist II